

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yuji Ukuma

Application No.: 10/568,441

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Art Unit: 1775

For: ELECTRONIC COMPONENT AND METHOD
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: C. F. F. Lam

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2008 setting forth a unity of invention requirement, applicants select Group I containing claims 1-7 and 16-19 with traverse.

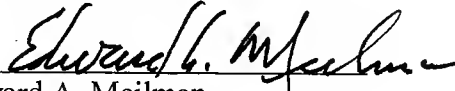
The Office Action states that the inventions do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same corresponding features solely for the reason that Group I is directed to a product whereas Group II involves method steps. It is respectfully pointed out that this is not a valid grounds for requiring restriction.

The attention of the Examiner is respectfully invited to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex B, Unity of Invention, Part 1, Instructions Concerning Unity of Invention, which explicitly states that Rule 13 shall be construed as permitting the inclusion of claims to a given product and a process for making that product. See (e)(i). The method claims in this application are directed to making the product and therefore there is unity.

Withdrawal of the unity requirement and examination of all claims is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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